コッペリオン【COPPELION】

❶遺伝子操作によって生まれた、放射能への抗体を持った子供。

❷その子供たちで組織された、陸上自衛隊第三師団特殊部隊の名称。放射能に汚染された東京での人命救助などを任務としている。

[1] Children who were born with gene manipulation to have immunity against radioactivity.

[2] Name of a special force unit, which is composed with these children. 3rd Division. They are assigned to rescue missions in the radiation-contaminated Tokyo.

AOI

IBARA

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時は西暦2036年。

暴走するイザナミ（操作員）を封じ出し、

池袋へと辿り着いた隊人たち掃除係。

しかし、突然現れたフォッシロイドの

強襲によって想定外の危機へと陥ってしまう!!

同一髪のところで刑が救出に駆けつけるのだが、

果たして逃げ切ることはできるのか……!?

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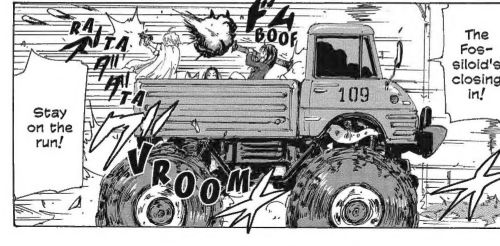
KREEOOO
WHF
UD
PEW
VWOOM
Phase.59【 First Feelings 】


RA
TA
TA
TA
BOOF
109
VROOM
Stay on the run!
The Fossiloid's closing in!

BWOOM

Evade!!
It's diving!
FWAP
FWAP
SKREE
WOOM
!
Eek!!
CRU
SH
109
SKREE

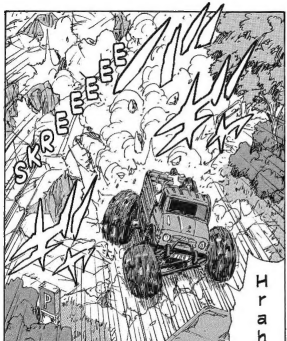
Its head got stuck!
CLUNK
CLUNK
Kya-haha!
...?!
We can't defeat it with our current firepower!
VMMM
We should take this chance to hide under-ground!
I-It's nothin'! Stay back!
TMD
Naruse? Is something wrong?
?
SWISH
...

MAGIC
BEAM
SHIELD
▸QUAKE
SELF-
DESTRUCT
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
COMMAND
ATTACK
▸MAGIC
FLEE
ITEM

FLA
SH

KRRR
SSSH

The road!
W-Wah!
RR
MM
?!
It's a seismic attack!
KRRRRSH
Don't get caught in the collapse!
SKREE
Wah wah wah...
!

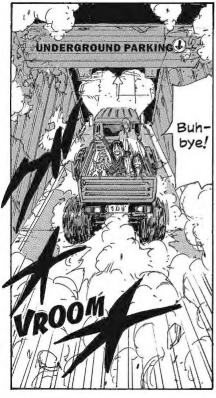

SKR
EEEE
Hrah!

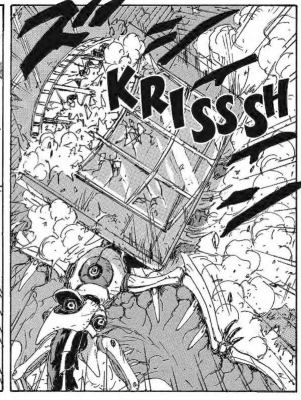
There's a parking garage beneath that hotel!
R
R
Take us in there!
MM

WWEEN
Wahh!!

Rep! Behind us!
!!

WOOM
!
BTOOM
Duck!
BOOF
WHUD


UNDERGROUND PARKING
Buh-bye!
VROOM


KRISSSH

We should stay hidden and keep an eye on it.
It's equipped with several different weapons.

GRRN
CLANK

B1
SWISH
...

FWUP
FWUP
Well, Ougai?
Is America starting another war?
RR
MM
And now Kazakhstan.
Vietnam. Afghanistan. Iraq.
And then they go back to their children's games...
When they can't get their way, they find an excuse to start a confrontation.
It's a hand they play often.
...
CLINK

Rethink this, Ougai!
Isn't there another way?
...into their absurd game?!
And you're going to drag Japan...
What?!
We're participating because this time *we have a chance to win.*
This game is different than those that have come before it.
...holds a special trump card.
The nation of Japan...

We can't stay down here forever.
It's 7 PM.
I hope the Fossiloid left...

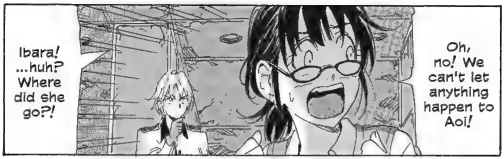
TIK
TOK

How unlucky, Kurosawa.
Oh! Because you share the same DNA?!

Which is telling it to kill me—or rather, Dr. Coppelius.
I doubt it. It's controlled by AI programming.

...if we don't head topside soon, it may switch targets.
That terrible robot could hurt Aoi?!
What?! Then—
SHAKE
SHAKE

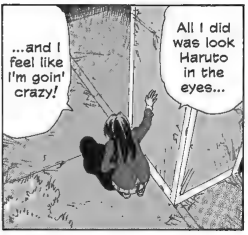
It was tracking Aoi Fukasaku, Izanami, that is.
...but before targeting me...


Ibara! ...huh? Where did she go?!
Oh, no! We can't let anything happen to Aoi!

Why's my heart beatin' so fast?!
Wh...
BDMP
HUFF
HUFF
BDMP

Ahh...

I've never felt like this before!
Oh, Ibara! There you are—


...and I feel like I'm goin' crazy!
All I did was look Haruto in the eyes...

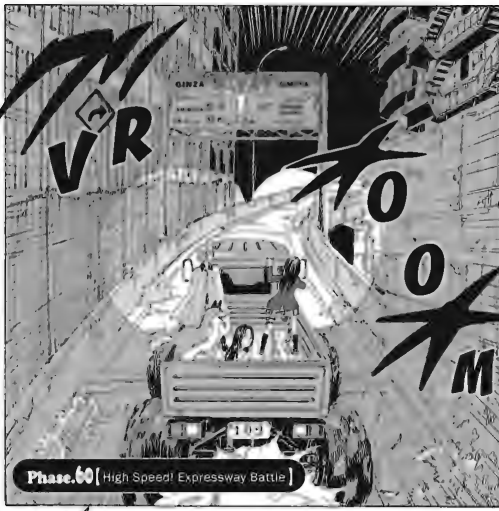
...
My chest... it hurts...
!!
We need to get moving, Naruse.
What are you doing?
SWISH
Huh?!
...
Crap... I think she hates me.
O-Okay! Just stay back!
FWOOSH

FWUP
KYOTO
FWUP
FWAP
We're ready for the conference!
Welcome, Secretary Ougai!
This night will go down in history.
Good work.
TMP

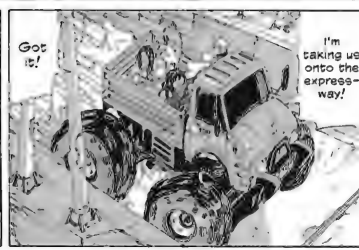
Let's bust outta here!
Alright, the Fossiloid's gone!
VROOOM
VROOOM
VROOOM

SKREE
ROOM
Roger!
Take us to the station east of here!
Are you sure this will work, Ibara?!
It's comin' after us...!
Yeah!
We'll use it t'find Aoi—from the skies!
CHK
Gain some distance on it!

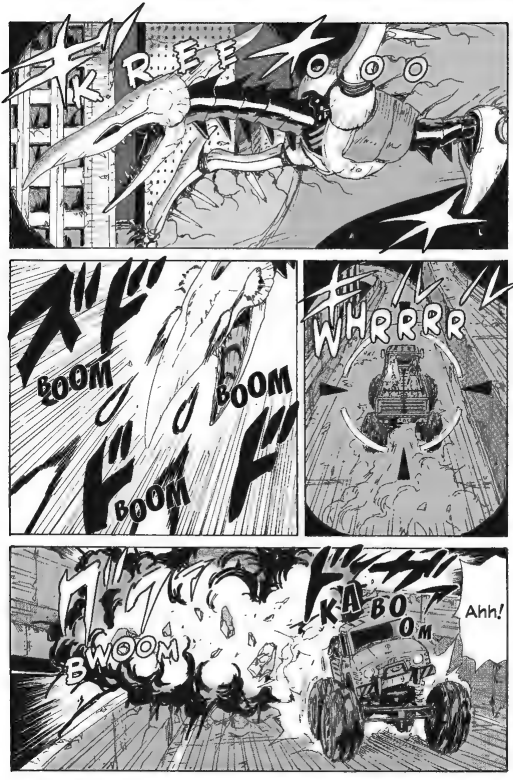
We can race it up there!
Got it!
There it is! I'm taking us on!
CAPITAL EXPRESSWAY
OMIYA TOHOKU EXPWY
GINZA
HWOOO
On to Capital Expressway!
P-59 END



Phase.60 [High Speed! Expressway Battle]



HWOOO
The Fossiloid's on our tail!
Floor it!


KREEOOO
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
WHRRRR
BWOOM
KABOOM
Ahh!

I know we'll find some kinda clue if we drag this thing around downtown!
KCHK
This is the only way to find Aoi!
But won't it blow us to pieces firet?!
Ibara! We're trying to have the Fossiloid find Aoi, yee?!
BARK
BARK
BARK
BARK
BEEP?
Nooo! Be careful, Puppy!
BWOOM
!!
HWOO

BTOOM
BOOF
Take this!
109
BWOO
VROOM
Faster!
KRTEEEOOO

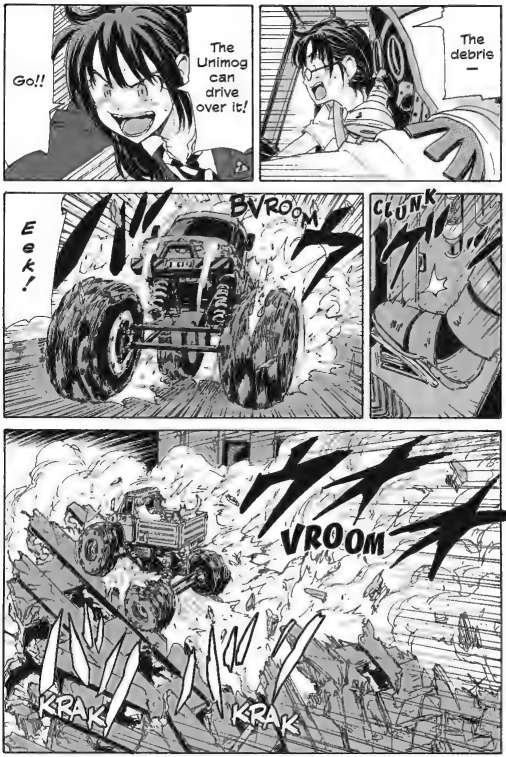
KYOTO ECO SUMMIT ROUND TABLE—
BLAH
BLAH
BLAH
Let us go home already!
What's taking America and Japan?!
More vodka!
He won't get away with this military intervention nonsense!
...
Yes! Exactly! It's clearly another grab for natural resources!
Just you watch... I'll beat him into submission!
FLINCH
Your Excellency.
!

I was preparing for a masquerade.
My apologies.
Finally! Where have you been?!
S-Secretary Ougai!
A masquerade?!
A...
TMP!
TMP
TMP
!!
We'll punish you here and now!
You hooligan!
There you are, America!
....?!

BAAM
<I. Am. Justice !!!>
...
TMP
TMP
...
So...
Shall we reconvene the conference? Ahaha.
There we go...
SILENCE
Th...
KREE

This puts us on the verge of war!
Damn it, Ougai ...
...
PSST
PSST
Does he *want* to throw the world into confusion?!
We're past Takebashi Junction!
VROOF
Where's the Fossiloid?!
ZOOO

KRAK
That wall—
Crap ...!
SNAP
KRAK
?!
WHUD
!!
KRRRSH


Go!!
The Unimog can drive over it!
The debris —
Eek!
BVROOM
CLUNK
VROOM
KRAK
KRAK

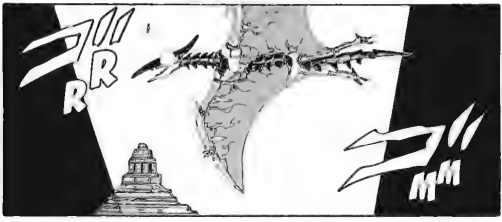
!!
FOOOO
Shion P!
TMP
TMP
Dodge it!!
SKREE
SKREE
BAM
109

Wh-What is she thinking?!
She jumped onto it!
FWUMP
FSSH
FSSH
SKREEE
SHNK
It's taking off again!
Wah!
!!
FLAP

VWEEN
KREEK
KREEK
BEEP
...?
SWOOSH
Hup!
One, two! One, two!
KREEK
I'm gonna cut off your wingie, 'kay?
KREEK

Huuuh?
Those lights...
... huh?!
KREEEK
I see it!
Ibara! The Fossiloid...
It switched targets!
It passed over us...
?!
VWEEN
Over in Kasumigaseki?! That's...
Are those search lights?!
?!

RR
MM
The old Diet building ?!


RR
MM

RRUMM
What?!
I'll see her, Ibara!
...!!
CHK

WOOO
We found Aol!
P-60 END

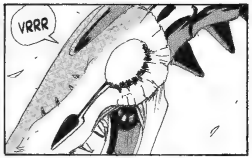
ゴゴゴ
RR
ゴゴゴ
MM
Aoi's floating ...
...above the old Diet building!
Phase.61 [Arms Dealer]

...
Does Dr. Cooper-kun have some think up his sleeves again...?

Let's move!
We're goin' to the Client building!
VROOOM

KREEOOO

BEEP
BEEP
TARGET ACQUIRED
ROI FUKASAKU


VRRR

Heeey, Dr. Coppelius!
The dinobot's not attacking her!

...?

Is there gonna be a party or something?
What're you getting all dressed up for?

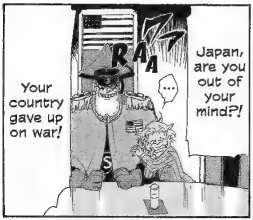
Hoho...
Perhaps it is evaluating the situation.
TUG

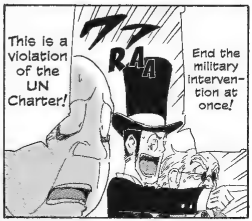
Shall we make our way to the party hall?
Correct!

KYOTO
—
KA-CHIN KA-CHIN
FLASH
FLASH

...
Like, is this my political debut?!

RAA
Controversy has erupted over Japan's use of the right of collective self-defense to send JSDF personnel to Kazakhstan—
We're live at the Kyoto conference, a.k.a the G9 Summit, which was just reconvened.
RAA
NEWS PLANET
News Planet is back!


RAA
Your country gave up on war!
Japan, are you out of your mind?!


This is a violation of the UN Charter!
RAA
End the military intervention at once!

"Through this military intervention, we seek to put an end to all war!"
BAM
ドン
...is what he said.
<I. Am. Justice !!?>

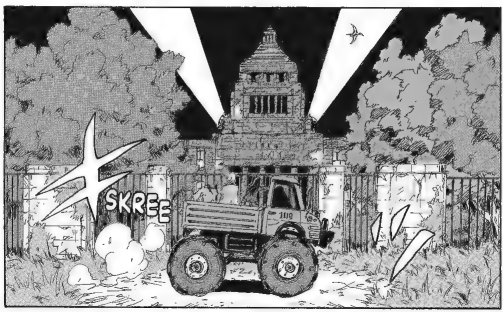
Well... you see... I... that is...

"We aim to democratize the world! Justice will prevail!"
<I. Love. War!>
You damn liar!
Who are these so-called "armed insurgents" in Kazakhstan?! Do they even exist?!
RAA
Things spiral out of control whenever your country gets involved!
I... that is... ah... uh...
Aren't you the chairman, Japan?! Do something about this!
MURMUR
That's what I'd like to know!
MURMUR
This is an Eco Summit! Why must we discuss this fishy business?!
Are they aiming to get their hands on Kazakstan's uranium?!
Even cowardly Japan is taking action!
Care to honor us with your opinion, Monsieur Australia?
Then we should ...
...
Japan won't get us anywhere!

Particularly for those who, unlike Australia, have none of their own.
Backing down now could mean an eternity of suffering.
...this is the beginning of a long struggle over natural resources.
...
PSST ヒソ
PSST ヒソ
PSST ヒソ
PSST ヒソ
UM
UM
...we will have no choice but to also send troops to Kazakh-stan!
KOFF
Now listen here, Japan, America!
Should things become any more serious...
W-Wait, hold your horses! Why—
What?!

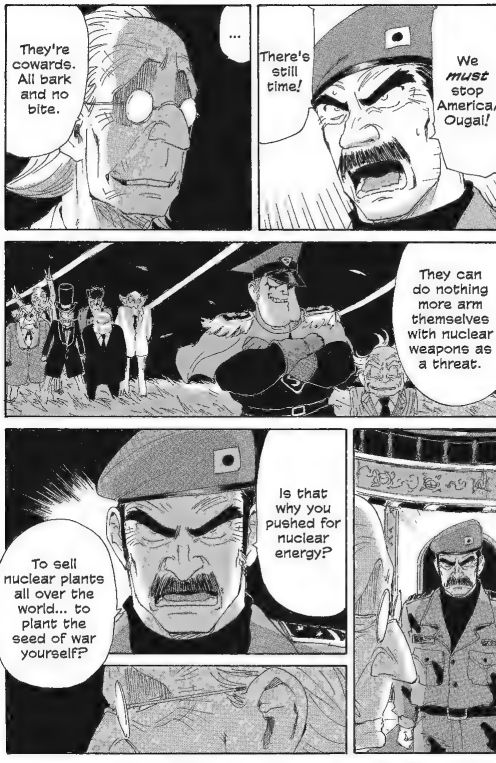
...is nuclear-capable! Heheh...
Everyone here...
Don't forget ...

SMIRK
We'll hear your final answer after this recess.
Burn that into your brain!


SKREE

VMMM
...to the old Diet build-ing!
We made it...
HWOOO
There, Ibara!
Yeah, I see her!
Hide the Unimog!
Alright... we're goin' in!
Aoi...
We're comin' for you!

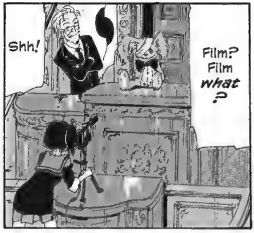
Wait, Ougai!
KCHK
...Commander Mishima?
What is it...
This will escalate into a colossal confrontation!
You saw how they reacted!

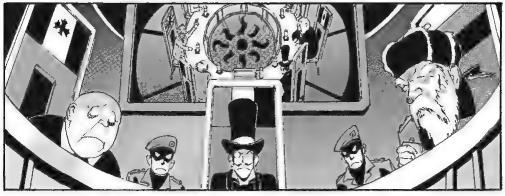

They're cowards. All bark and no bite.
...
There's still time!
We must stop America, Ougai!
They can do nothing more arm themselves with nuclear weapons as a threat.
Is that why you pushed for nuclear energy?
To sell nuclear plants all over the world... to plant the seed of war yourself?

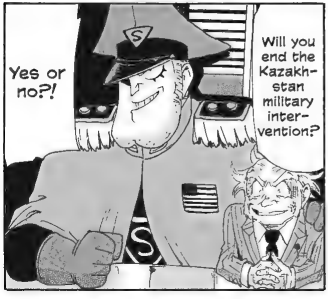
Like an *arms dealer*...
Do you want to count your money with blood-stained hands?!
Say what you will.
I'm doing what I can to protect my home and country.
History will be the one to decide...
...which of us was right.
Japan must deliver a convincing performance.
...prepare to leave for Kazakhstan.
TMP

...can't control nuclear power.
Human-ity...
Ougai!
...
Then can *dolls?*
You wouldn't ...!

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CHAMBER, TOKYO
Dr. Coppelius and Meiga Ichikawa!
There they are!
Dunno. This time we're gonna capture them!
...what are they doing on that podium?
...
NATSUME


Shh!
Film? Film *what*?
This is strange. Looks like they're setting up to film.
Wait!




Yes or no?!
Will you end the Kazakh-stan military inter-vention?

What have you decided?
It's time.

MURMUR
MURMUR
...
<No! Thank you!> HAHA!!
Y...
Damn. They absolutely refuse to back down!
But if *every* nation follows that train of thought ...
Then nuclear arms are a must!
Damn... Now we'll have to move to secure resources, too...
...
...be destroyed by nuclear power?
Will the world...

Gentlemen.
Worry not.
...?!
The nation of Japan...
...has the technology to make radiation harmless.
Wh...
CLATTER
What?!
PSST
ヒソ
...
Our product is known as...
"Coppelion."
Our great friend, Japan!
Please, we'd be delighted if you would elaborate as to this "Coppe"... such-and-such—

?!
HELLO, PEOPLE OF THE WORLD!
It would be my pleasure —
PWT
GREETINGS.
I AM DR. COPPELIUS.
P-01 END

Phase.62 [Technology of the Future]
GREET-INGS, PEOPLE OF THE WORLD.
I AM DR. COPPE-LIUS.
...
...Coppe-liius?!
MURMUR
MURMUR
Dr...
SQUEAK

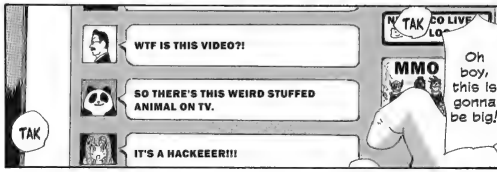
A stuffed rabbit?! Who is he?!
Someone get me a universal translator!
This is the G9 Summit! How did he get access to—
MURMUR
MURMUR
ぴ?

CHEW
CHEW
I am an unmatched hacker, you see.
VRR
Hijacking the airwaves is mere child's play!
Don't be absurd.
TCH
Is this another part of your plan?!
Ougai, what's the meaning of this?!
FOR YOU SEE...
IT WOULD BE USELESS.
He could leak top-secret information! Cut him off!
What's your security doing?!
Well... that is... I...

...VIA VIDEO WEBSITES AND SATELLITE.
THIS IS BEING BROAD-CAST ACROSS THE ENTIRE WORLD....

I-I better link this!
What's going on?
TAK
TAK

Hm? Dinner's almost done, dear.
Mommy! It's a bunny!
GAA GOO

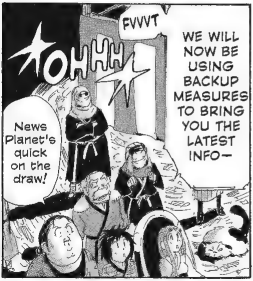

WTF IS THIS VIDEO?!
SO THERE'S THIS WEIRD STUFFED ANIMAL ON TV.
IT'S A HACKEEER!!!
TAK
TAK
MMO
Oh boy, this is gonna be big!

Wait ...
Is that stuffed rabbit —
RAA
RAA

What's he up to now?!
It's Dr. Coppelius!
CLATTER

Who knows? It's the same thing on every channel ...
Oh!
BEEP
BEEP

Does this have to do with Ibara and her friends?


FVVVT
WE WILL NOW BE USING BACKUP MEASURES TO BRING YOU THE LATEST INFO—
OHHH
News Planet's quick on the draw!

FVVVT
OUR BROADCAST SATELLITE IS BEING HIJACKED BY AN UNKNOWN ATTACKER!
TH-THIS IS NEWS PLANET!

...
MASAMUNE OUGAI

He's making direct contact with the Kyoto conference leaders.
He could want to negotiate with their governments.
BEEP

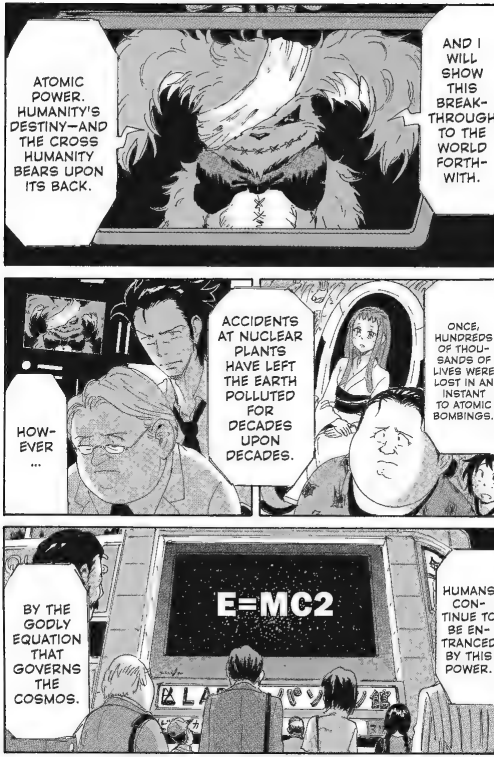
What is he thinking?!
Is he gonna spew his bull to the entire world?!

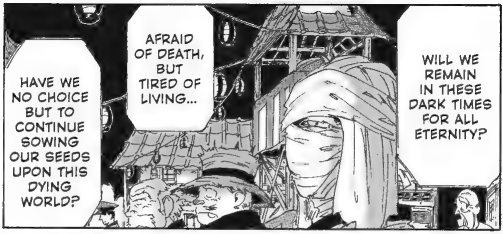
Negotiate?!
Um... What shall we do?

...
This is our chance to expose his schemes!

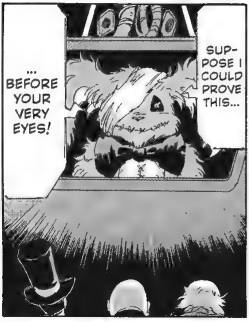
...
For now, we watch and wait.
THE ENTIRE WORLD BEARS WITNESS TO MY WORDS.
HRK
UNDER-STAND, GENTLE-MEN?
FVVT
Know your place.
"Enter-tain-ment"?
TO PROVIDE YOU WITH SOME BRIEF EN-TERTAIN-MENT.
I WANT BUT ONE THING:

YOU WOUND ME! I MERELY WITH TO ASSIST YOUR PRESENTATION.
IS THAT SECRETARY OUGA! I HEAR?
TUMP
YOU WERE ABOUT TO EXPLAIN WHAT IT IS, YES?
COPPELION ...
FVVT
THAT IS CORRECT!
P!
Is Japan capable of such a feat?!
You said it makes radiation harmless?!
R-Right! Let's get back to that!
MURMUR
MURMUR


ATOMIC POWER. HUMANITY'S DESTINY—AND THE CROSS HUMANITY BEARS UPON ITS BACK.
AND I WILL SHOW THIS BREAK-THROUGH TO THE WORLD FORTH-WITH.
HOW-EVER ...
ACCIDENTS AT NUCLEAR PLANTS HAVE LEFT THE EARTH POLLUTED FOR DECADES UPON DECADES.
ONCE, HUNDREDS OF THOU-SANDS OF LIVES WERE LOST IN AN INSTANT TO ATOMIC BOMBINGS.
BY THE GODLY EQUATION THAT GOVERNS THE COSMOS.
E=MC2
HUMANS CON-TINUE TO BE EN-TRANCED BY THIS POWER.


HAVE WE NO CHOICE BUT TO CONTINUE SOWING OUR SEEDS UPON THIS DYING WORLD?
AFRAID OF DEATH, BUT TIRED OF LIVING...
WILL WE REMAIN IN THESE DARK TIMES FOR ALL ETERNITY?

We can overcome any obstacle, no matter how difficult—*that* is science!
No. Such is not the case!


...BEFORE YOUR VERY EYES!
SUPPOSE I COULD PROVE THIS...

SCIENCE IS WHAT GUIDES HUMANITY!

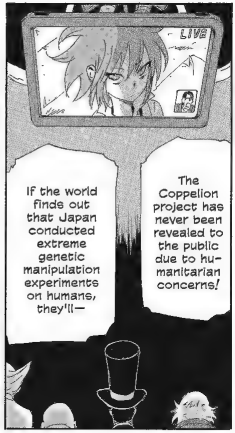
A disaster is upon us.
It's too late to stop him.
Yes.
Ougai... is he going to—
THIS IS NEWS PLANET!
WHAT?! THE VIDEO OF THE STRANGE RABBIT HAS CUT...
...TO THE FORMER NATIONAL DIET?!
WHAT'S THIS?!
SOME-THING'S IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SCREEN!
!!
...
MURMUR
THEN...
MURMUR
...THIS IS VIDEO FROM THE FORMER CAPITAL, TOKYO!

I-IT'S A PERSON!
WH...
HWOOO
LIVE
...IS A GIRL IN A HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM!
IN THE MIDDLE OF A CITY POLLUTED BY RADIATION ...

It's Aoi! She's on TV!
RA RA RA
Wait, isn't she—
Look! She's not wearing a hazmat suit!
OOH!
What?!
LIVE
LIVE
Look! Some-one's in Tokyo!
Whoa!
This has to be shopped!
CLACK
A hot girl!
I-It's ...
I said dinner's almost ready!
Mommy!
DAA
CHOP CHOP
H-HOW IS THIS—
TAK
OH MAN!!!!
SHE'S KINDA CUTE...
SCREENCAPPED.
LOL, YOU GUYS...
TAK

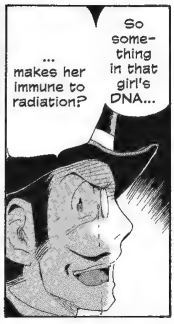
RADIATION IN TOKYO HAS BEEN SEVERE EVER SINCE THE NUCLEAR MELTDOWN 20 YEARS AGO.
AND NOW, A LONE GIRL WALKS THROUGH THE RESTRICTED CITY OF DEATH!
THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE!
LIVE
Wait, wait... so this product is a *person*?!
RAA
Hold on... is *that* a Coppelion?!
She's walking through the radiation like it's nothing!
RAA
WHO IN THE WORLD IS SHE?!
WHAT OF THE EFFECTS OF RADIATION ON HER BODY?!
This is bad, Ougai!

Look at their faces.
... they'll what?


LIVE
The Coppelion project has never been revealed to the public due to humanitarian concerns!
If the world finds out that Japan conducted extreme genetic manipulation experiments on humans, they'll—

...

Precisely.


So something in that girl's DNA...
... makes her immune to radiation?

The Coppelion are immune to radiation.
As such, they can operate in times of peace even in intensely radiated areas—
...
Perfect ...!
I-In-credi-ble!
We can send them to work in polluted areas, rather than risk human lives!
Bravo, Japan!
CLAP
パチ
CLAP
パチ
CLAP
パチ
This is tech-nology of the future! It will save human-ity!
The world is saved!
...

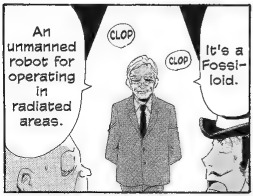
Would you be so kind as to bring it here?
We'd like to know aaall about this product of yours...
Now ...
But of course.
CLOP
I've already taken measures to retrieve it.
?!
WHAT IS THAT?!
WH ...
Wait, Ougai!
What are you going to do to my student—
LIVE
HWOOO
A GIANT BIRD HAS APPEARED IN THE SKY ABOVE KASUMIGASEKI!
THE GIRL'S IN DANGER! RUN!

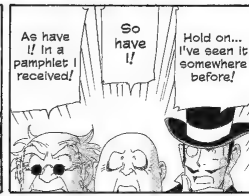
KRRRSH
KREEOOO
A... A GIANT ROBOT DINOSAUR HAS BURST ONTO THE SCENE!
OH MY GOD... WHAT WILL BECOME OF THE GIRL?!
P-62 END

Phase.63 [Doll vs. Robot]
RRrh
WE'RE BROADCASTING LIVE TO THE ENTIRE WORLD FROM THE SKIES OF KASUMIGASEKI, IN TOKYO, THE FORMER CAPITAL!
THE MYSTERIOUS HIGH SCHOOL GIRL CONFRONTS A ROBOTIC DINOSAUR THAT APPEARED OUT OF NOWHERE!
GIIMM
LIVE FROM TOKYO
TOKYO REMAINS POLLUTED WITH HIGH LEVELS OF RADIATION!
THIS IS UNBELIEVABLE!

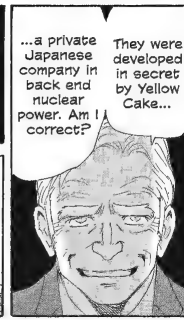
ROLL
ROLL
WITHOUT THE PROPER EQUIPMENT, NO HUMAN CAN STEP FOOT ...
CLUNK
CLUNK
VRR
...IN THIS ABANDONED, PERILOUS AREA!

What is that unsettling robot?!
RAA
RAA
Wh...

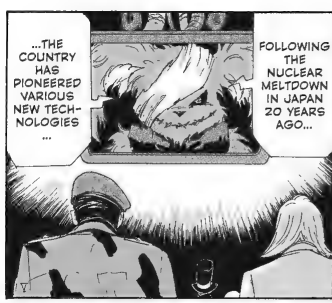

An unmanned robot for operating in radiated areas.
CLOP
CLOP
It's a Fossi-loid.

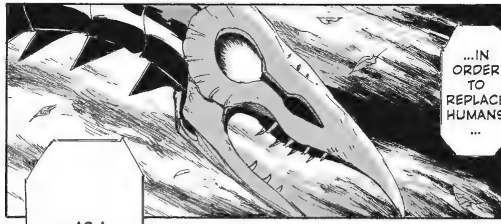

As have I! In a pamphlet I received!
So have I!
Hold on... I've seen it somewhere before!

...


They were developed in secret by Yellow Cake...
...a private Japanese company in back end nuclear power. Am I correct?

Is that robot under your control?!
I was never informed of this, Ougai.


...THE COUNTRY HAS PIONEERED VARIOUS NEW TECH-NOLOGIES ...
FOLLOWING THE NUCLEAR MELTDOWN IN JAPAN 20 YEARS AGO...
So it seems, Vice Principle Mishima.


...IN ORDER TO REPLACE HUMANS ...

...AS A WORKFORCE FOR RADIATED AREAS.

But regrettably, robots simply cannot perform detailed work.
After the meltdown, Japan's scientific community made huge leaps forward!
I do recall...
This new product is practically human!
It could complete any mission!
On the other hand—
Gyah!!
Work with France, and I'll give you everything in the Louvre!
No! Me first!
Japan! Introduce the girl to my country!

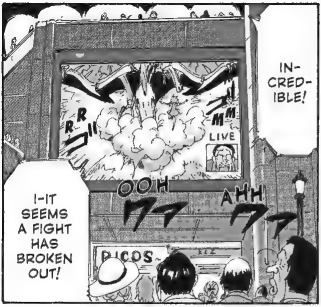
What?!
THUS, THEY ARE MINE TO DISTRIB-UTE.
THE COPPELION ARE MY CREATION!
Shush! First come, first serve!
Move it! My nation's first!
TOSS
Then we can make a deal with you?!
Huff! I can't run this much!
Th-That way?! Dammit!
Any deals must go through me.
The technology belongs to the Japanese government.
HUFF
HUFF
YOUR BUSI-NESS IS WITH ME, GENTLE-MEN!

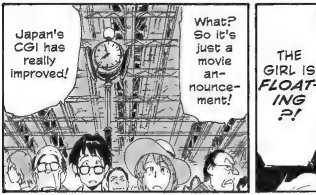
...THAT I CAN AT LAST PRESENT THE FINAL PRODUCT.
IT WAS ONLY BY BUILDING UPON NUMEROUS FAILURES...
MASAMUNE C
...DURING THE COPPELION'S DEVELOPMENT.
NUMEROUS BUGS WERE DISCOVERED...
SERIAL NUMBER C-21, AOI FUKASAKU ...
SHE IS COPPELION IN ITS MOST PERFECT FORM.
GOLI GOLI

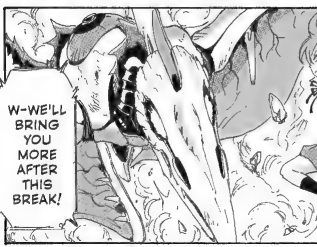
...this original.
And it is / who controls ...
IN OTHER WORDS, WITHOUT OBTAINING THE SOURCE OF THAT DNA AND ANALYZING IT...
THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WILL ONLY BE ABLE TO CREATE CLONES.
THE MORE YOU CLONE DNA, THE MORE IT DETERIORATES.
PERHAPS YOU KNOW THE CONCEPT?
MURMUR #117
MURMUR #117
A PERFECT ORIGINAL— OR AN INFERIOR CLONE?
WHICH WOULD YOU PREFER, GENTLEMEN? CONSIDER YOUR OPTIONS:

I LOST EVERY-THING. I'LL NEVER RECOVER IT.
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT I LOST?
What will convince you to hand the doll over to us?
What is it that you want, Dr. Coppelius?
If you refuse to give us the girl, we will resort to force.
This is your final warning.
Stop this, you two!
Try and defeat my doll!
Do your worst.

KRE
EOOO
COME, CREATURE.


I-IT SEEMS A FIGHT HAS BROKEN OUT!
OOH
AHH
PICOS
LIVE
INCRED-IBLE!
KRRRSH!


Japan's CGI has really improved!
What? So it's just a movie announcement!
THE GIRL IS FLOATING?!
WH...
LIVE

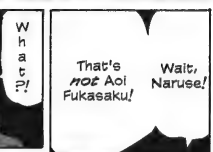

W-WE'LL BRING YOU MORE AFTER THIS BREAK!
AN INCREDIBLE EVENT IS TAKING PLACE IN KASUMIGASEKI!

Wh-Whatever do we do, Ibara?!
They're fighting out there!
PSST
PSST

WHUD
KRRRISU
!!

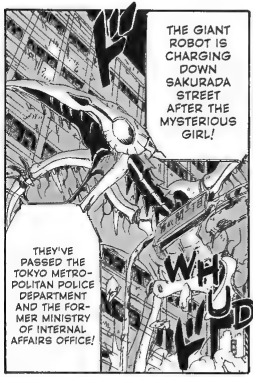
I'm done putting up with this crap!
I'm gonna go save Aoi!
KCHK

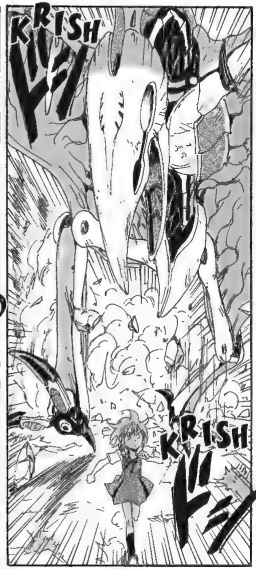
Kurosawa, what do you mean?!
What?!


That's NOT Aoi Fukasaku!
Wait, Naruse!

That girl is...
Guardian Angel Izanami!

SILENCE
Don't look at me like that. It'll make sense once I explain!
...


THE GIANT ROBOT IS CHARGING DOWN SAKURADA STREET AFTER THE MYSTERIOUS GIRL!
THEY'VE PASSED THE TOKYO METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT AND THE FORMER MINISTRY OF INTERNAL AFFAIRS OFFICE!
WHUD


KRISH
KRISH

Split personalities?!

Aoi's journal said something about a "guardian angel"!
That reminds me!
Aoi's other personality, "Izanami," took control of her body!
Yes!
TMP
TMP
It's too dangerous for us to approach her while Izanami remains dominant!
Tell us what to do, Haruto!
I don't really get it...
SWISH
It's a drug Dr. Coppelius is using to keep Izanami's personality stable.
There's a neuro balancer!
His goons will be on their way to inject her with it!

So when that neuro-stuff wears off...
Oh, I get it!
That's our one chance ...
...to rescue Aoi!
HWOOO
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP

BOOM
FLASH

Such violence, against one little girl!
Aren't you taking things too far?!
RAT
RAT

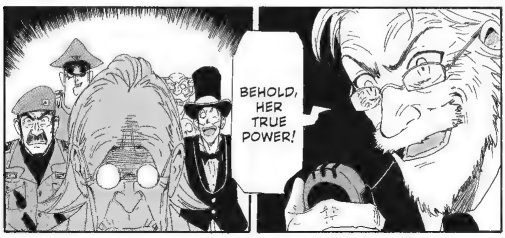
AHH! THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY, TRADE AND INDUSTRY'S OLD OFFICE HAS BEEN DESTROYED!
THE ROBOT IS RAMPAGING THROUGH THE FORMER CENTER OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT!
GRR
MMM
LIVE

You'll damage the product!
...
Stop this madness!

!
WHOOSH
FWOOM
THIS IS BAD!
THE GIRL HAS DISAPPEARED INTO A CLOUD OF DUST— IS SHE OKAY?!
KRAK
OH, NO!
SHE WAS HIT!
FSSSSH
FWUMP

?!
CLARE
RR
ENOUGH OF THIS GAME.
BEHOLD MY DIVINE POWERS ...!
MM
P-63 END

Phase.64[The Great Toranomon Scuffle]
SERIAL NUMBER C-21...
COPPELION AOI FUKASAKU.


BEHOLD, HER TRUE POWER!

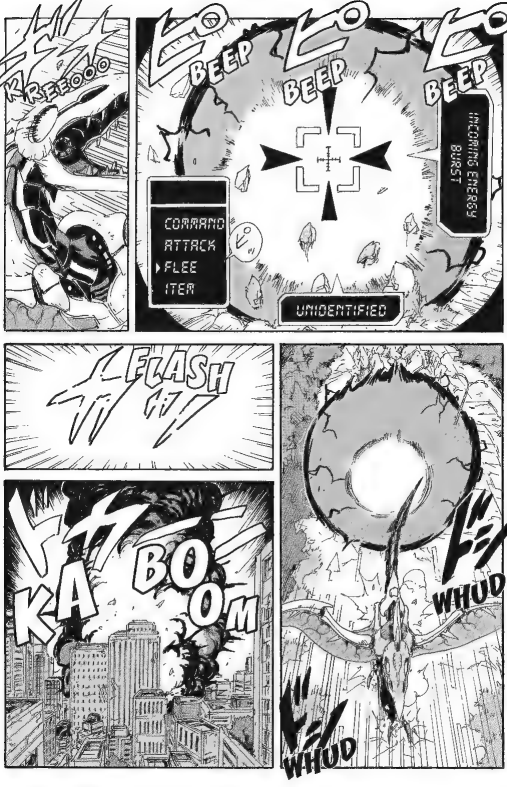
WH-WHAT ON EARTH?!
THE GROUND IS INEX-PLICABLY BREAK-ING UP AROUND HER!
LIVE FROM TOKYO

HWOOO

BWISH
BWISH
BWISH

RAT
AT
ATA

ACCEPT THIS IN RETURN.
VWOOM


KREEOOO
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
INCOMING ENERGY BURST
COMMAND
ATTACK
FLEE
ITEM
UNIDENTIFIED
FLASH
KA
BOOM
WHUD
WHUD

Incred-ible ...
!...
LIVE
WOOOM
It looks like a mushroom cloud! She comes combat-capable!
Such raw power!
RAA
RAA
Is this what the Coppelion project is to you?!
Ougai ...
This is the birth of an amazing new weapon!
Hip hip hooray!
...
A means to under-mine nuclear deterrence, and stand at an ad-vantage in a world war?!

NATIONAL DIET
...what those children were created for?!
Is that...

We gotta stop her before this gets any worse!
Aoi ...

I-I'm coming!
DASH!!
After her!

Ibara, was that explosion because of...?
Yeah!

IT WAS INTERRUPTED AFTER THE HUGE EXPLOSION CAUSED BY THE GIRL!
FvVVT
TH-THE VIDEO FEED HAS GONE DOWN!
OSAKA
TONK
TESTING, TESTING!
CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW? HELLOOO!
MURMUR
MURMUR
FLICK
...?!
NOW FOR AN ON-THE-SCENE REPORT FROM ME, CORRESPONDENT MEISA!
WASSUP, PEOPLE OF THE WORLD!

Up we go!
VRRM
It's another girl!
Wh-What?!
RAA
VRR
Okay, I'm heading out!
VRRRRM
?!
Get the Unimog ready to move—
Mr. Asimov!

BVROOM
!!
VMMM
BAM
See ya, Rep!
Meisa Ichikawa!
Dammit... she's going to inject Izanami with the neuro balancer!
If they keep using it on Izanami...

I won't let that happen!
VROOO
109
Aoi'll never go back to normal!
SWIP
I'm south of Toranomon right now!
Hiiii! It's me, Meisa!
UMM... BACK TO YOU, MISS MEISA?!
I-IT APPEARS THAT THE BROADCAST HAS CONTINUED!

FWOOOM
THERE THEY ARE! I'VE SPOTTED THE BIG ROBOT AND THE GIRL AHEAD!
What's this?!
LET'S TAKE A CLOSER LOOK!
Oh my! Something's behind me!
KSHOOM KSHOOM
Hold it right there, Meisa!
HWOO
LIVE
STOP!

Naruse ?!
Juet how many girls are there?!
MURMUR
MURMUR
J...
GRAAAA

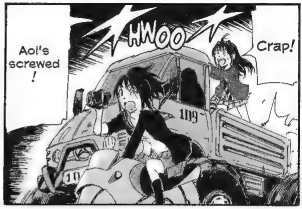
BWOOM
BWOOM
KRRRRSH
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM

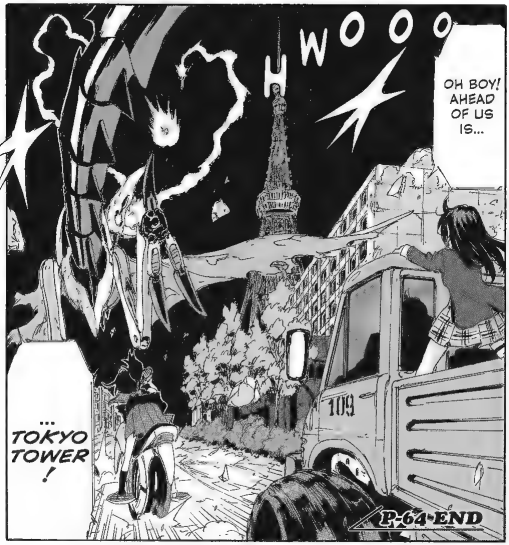
FWAP!!!
HA!
KRRSH
Whuh oh!
VMMM
BTOOM
KREEOOO
WHOA! THE ROBOT'S LOST A WING!

RETURN FROM WHENCE YOU CAME!
WOOOO
TH-THE VOICE... MY HEAD...!
THROB
THROB
UGH... AHHH!
UGH ...
!!
It's already wearing off?!
Oh, crap!
K-REEOOO

BSHOOO
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
YOU ...!
KRRRSH

Huh ?!
The robot strikes back!


Aoi's screwed !
HWOO
Crap!
109


HWOOO
OH BOY! AHEAD OF US IS...
109
... TOKYO TOWER !
P-64-END

Phase.65[The Battle on Tokyo Tower]
THE ROBOT DINOSAUR IS IN PURSUIT OF THE MYSTERIOUS GIRL!
THEY'VE GONE THROUGH AZABUDAI AND MADE A LEFT TURN AT IIKURA CROSSING!
HWOOO
Oh boy! Ahead of us is...
!

TOKYO TOWER !
HWOOO
P

SWISH
Urgh ...
FLAP
FLAP
Owie ...
The Ptera-nodon shook me off...
?
And the money?

RUSTLE
Is somebody there?
That'll cost extra, understand?
Of course.
!
FWIP
...oh!
...you?
Don't sneak up on me.
SWISH
Sis!
LICK
LICK

Gah! No tongue, you mutt!
HFF
HFF
Mmph.
LICK
LICK
What happened while I was out?!
Wait, where's Aoi?!
Shion ?!
SQUISH
Sis! You're awake!
Narusee ...?!
Representative Naruse and the others headed south.

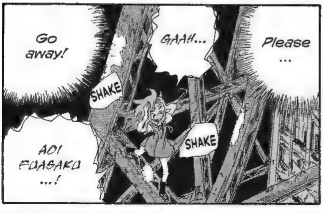
VROOM
109
Stop, Melsa Ichikawa!
I stop for no one!
VMMM
GRASH
Wh...
It's *climbing* Tokyo Tower?!
GRASH
?!

Aoi!!
...!
WOOO
FWOOOOO
THIS FIZZINESS... MIKO POWERS ARE UNSTABLE!
CURSES ...!

OM KILI KILI!
CLANG
CLANG
BWOOM
Ahh!
Ooof!
FWSSH
BAM
Ow!
SKREEE

!!
Please... stop...

IT MISSED... GAH!
THROB


Go away!
GAAH...
Please ...
SHAKE
SHAKE
AO! FUASAKO ...!

GRASH
Oh, fudge!
I gotta give her the neuro balancer!

This isn't fun anymore! I wanna go home and game!
Ooowie!
CLUNK
CLANG
...!

DASH
Don't you ever give up?!

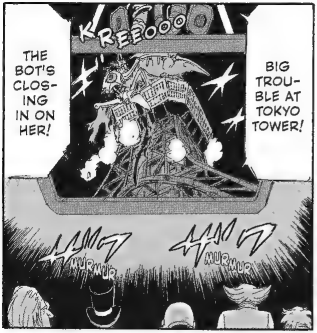
Stop, Meisa!
TMP
TMP
PLONK
!

You're not givin' her that neuro balancer!
FWAP

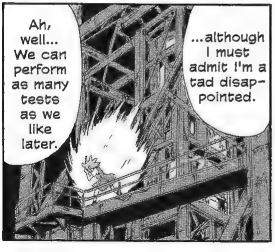
...!

GRAAA
DRGH ...
CLANG
CLANG

You idiot!
If I don't, Guardian Angel Izanami's personality will go poof!
SWISH
What'll happen to your Aoi *then?*


KREEOOO
THE BOT'S CLOSING IN ON HER!
BIG TROUBLE AT TOKYO TOWER!
If she goes back to being Aoi Fukasaku, no way can she stop the Fossiloid!
Yuppers!
VRR

I almost wasted my mafia bribes!
Hrmph. I don't need a product that can be done in by a robotic weapon.
Why... She's done for!


Ah, well... We can perform as many tests as we like later.
...although I must admit I'm a tad disappointed.

Not to worry. It will capture her alive.
Ougai! Stop this!

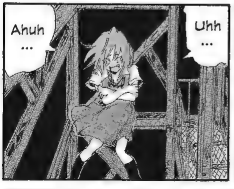
FWAP
Kh...
I got things to do, Rep! See ya!
BSHOOO
!
WHOOM
Wha?!

KRAK
WHUD
KRSSHHHH
The neuro balancer!
KOFF
?!

FWOOOO
TREMBLE
Ahun ...
SHAKE
Unh ...
SHAKE
Wait right there!
TMP
TMP
I'm on my way, Aoi!
Aoi's herself again!
Ibara!
TMP
TMP
...

You can't have her!
CLANG
Crap!
CLANG

BZZT
BZZT
KRRTTTOOO
!!


Ahuh...
Uhh...

GRASH

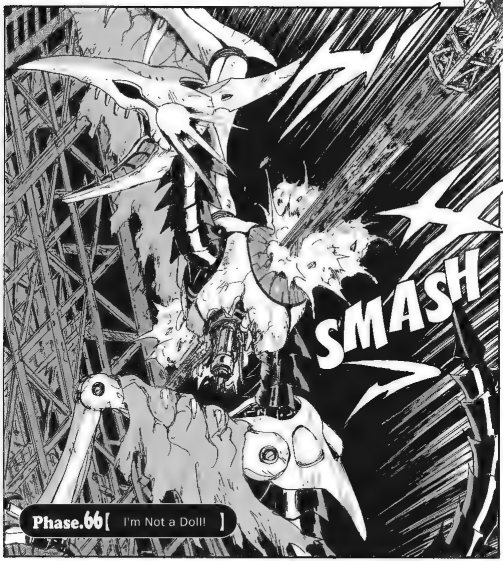
CREAK

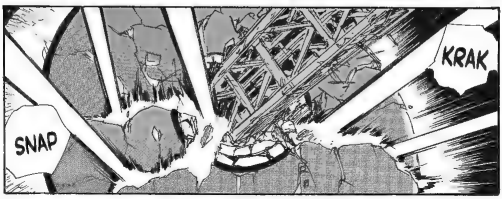
CLANG
CLANG
Hrah! You're not beatin' me there!

VRR
FSSSH
DRIP
AHHH!

KRAAK
FLOAT
FLOAT
RR
MM
EEEP!

WHO OS H
SMASH
P:05 END


SMASH
Phase.66[I'm Not a Doll!]


KRAK
SNAP

KA
BO
OM

RRMM
The Fossi-loid!
RRMM
Whoa!
FWO
INCREDIBLE! THE ROBOT...
OM
LIVE
...HAS BROKEN IN PIECES!

KRASSH
Run!
HUFF
HUFF
...
ZZFSSSH
Aoi
?!

Ahun ...
Ahun
Umn
BZOO
She destroyed the giant robot!
GASP
The girl...
She impaled the tip of the tower right into it!
RAN
RAN
Amazing! Did you see that?!
FVVT
She beat it...
She ...
OHHH

...
...DEPLOYED BY THE IDIOTS IN THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT!
'TIS FAR SUPERIOR TO THE WORTHLESS ROBOT TRASH...
SUCH IS THE POWER OF MY CREATION, THE COPPELION!
MWAHAHA! WHAT DO YOU THINK, GENTLEMEN?
FLICK
IF YOU WISH TO OBTAIN UNTOLD POWER...
LISTEN WELL, LEADERS OF THE WORLD.
....then you will deal directly with *me*.

How much for one?! I'll pay two or three hundred million!
I'll do it! Go exclusive with my country!
No! Wait! Please!
RAA
RAA

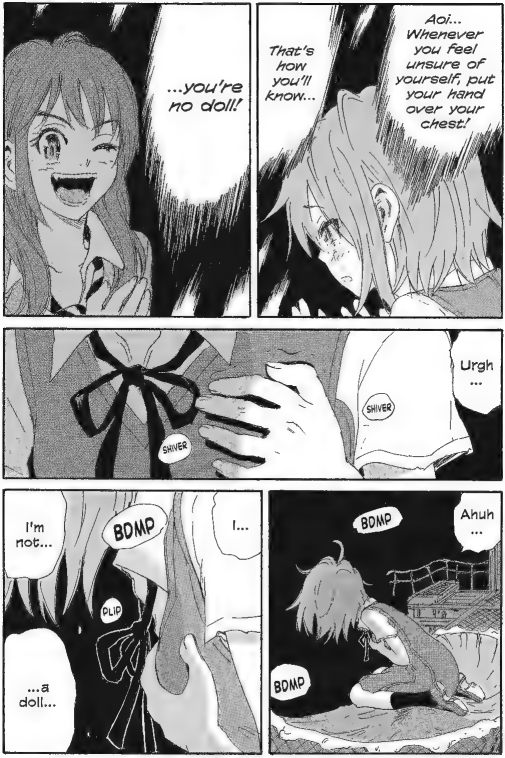
THAT IS ALL FOR NOW!
I WILL CONTACT YOU WITH THE DETAILS LATER.

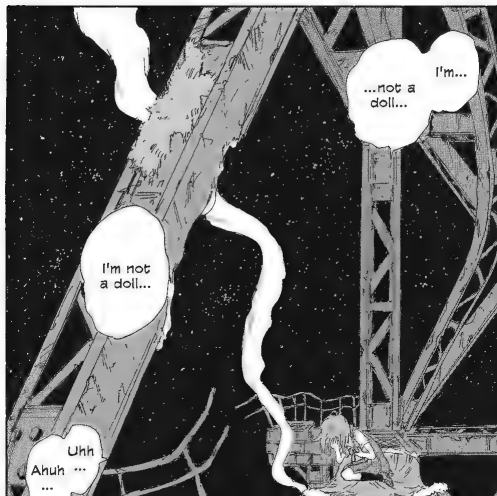
It seems your plan has changed hands.
Ougai ...

BZZT
FVVVT
Damn! I must have one!
Ah... he's gone!
RAA
RAA

This match is not over.
No. Not yet.

CLANG
Hold on, Aoi...
I'm comin' for ya!
CLANG
HUFF
HUFF
Uhh...
SSSH
Ahuhn...
SHIVER
SHIVER
Urgh...
Ahuh...
FWOOOOOO


...you're no doll!
That's how you'll know...
Aoi... Whenever you feel unsure of yourself, put your hand over your chest!
SHIVER
SHIVER
Urgh ...
I'm not...
BDMP
PLIP
I...
...a doll...
BDMP
BDMP
Ahuh ...


I'm...
...not a doll...
I'm not a doll...
Uhh
Ahuh ...
...

...
I'm not a doll...
I am not a doll...
PLASMA CONTAINMENT EQUIPMENT RESTRAINING MANA TSUBURAYA, SHIBUYA—
She can't control it...
Not like she is now!
BZZT
The Dark Matter ...
It's surging ...
BZZT

FLASH
KRAK
Ahh ...!
BZZT
BZZT
Ugh... ah...!
BZZT
Ahh ...!
...

GLARE
KRAK
BZZT
RATTLE
KRAK
POP
KRA
SSH
CLUNK
ROLL
ROLL

TUMP
RRRRMM

Four-eyes!
Heeey!
...?
Yep! We got a bigger problem, anyhow!
Are your wounds alright?!
Shion filled me in!
TMP
TMP
Miss Ozu!
We're takin' her back for real this time!
Where's Aoi Fukasaku?!

Ow...

COME IN.
...
MEISA, THIS IS DR. COPPELIUS.

Whoa! Holy crap!
PSSSH

HUFF
HUFF
REPRESENTATIVE IBARA NARUSE REMAINS A PROBLEM, HOWEVER.

AOI FUKASAKU DEFEATED THE FOSSILOID.
THE PLAN IS PROCEEDING AS I PREDICTED.

RETRIEVE AOI FUKASAKU.

!
How far up do these stairs go?
HUFF
Crap ...
HUFF
Aoi!!
Don't cry, Aoi!
CLANG
I'm coming!
CLANG
I... Ibara?
...

!!
Ibara... ahuhn ...
GRAB
FWOOOO
ヒュウ
You can't have her back!
Awww! Too bad, Representative Naruse!
P-66 END

...Representative Ibara Naruse!
It's game over...
Phase.67【 Mana's Arrival! 】

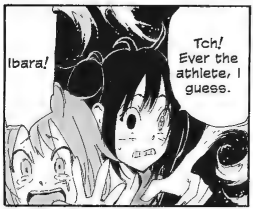
Meisa Ichikawa!

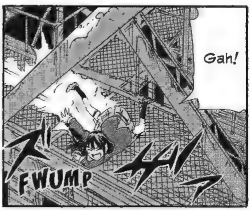
Fwooo
!-Ibara!

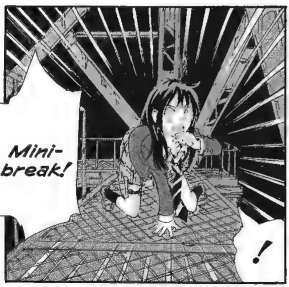
She can stop any kind of physical attack!
...guns are useless against her.
SWISH
I gotta stop her from usin' her "particle break"—
FSSSH
That sand ...
Heads up!
FSSSH

FUKUTOSHIN LINE
SHIBUYA STATION
SHIBUYA UNDERGROUND MALL
FSSS-H
GLOP
GLUB
SPLASH
GLUB
GLOP
PLIP
PLIP

WHAM


Ibara!
Tch! Ever the athlete, I guess.


Gah!
FWUMP


Mini-break!
!

L-Let gooo!
Eh, I guess I don't have to finish her.
SWISH

TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
TMP
FWOOSH
Latere, Rep!
Eek! Help!
Wait a...
Huh ?!
JUMP
Whoa!

I'm past my weight limit!
WHOOSH
Crap! Too.... heavy!
GRAB
BWOO
Ugh...
Mmph ...
THUD

O... kay ...
Come on, Aoi!
TMP
TMP
God!
!
BLAM
BLAM
Stop right there!
Crap, no good!
TMP
TMP
PWOOSH

HUFF
HUFF
SWISH
Like, you'd fire a headshot at an under-class-man? Seriously?
SST
TSK
TSK
I-I'm so sorry...
I'm sorry ...
I-I-I'm s-sorry... this is all my fault ...
I-Ibara ...
HIC
HIC
It's not your fault!
Don't apolo-gize, Aoi!
HUG
CLING
It is NOT your fault!
They're the ones who made you... who made US like this.
This is 'cause of the school! All of it!

zWOOSH
Break!
...?!
Is that her eye?!
FLOAT
FLOAT
FSSSH
!
Reload!
FWOOOSH

!!
B-LAM
CLONK
ROLL
ROLL
Gyah! M-Monster!
Waz goin' on?
FFZZ
Hwha ...?
Where's my left eye ...?
FFZZ
!

GLANCE

Kh...!
FWAP

FWOOP

FSSSH
POP
Reload com-plete!
Ahaha-haha!

!!
FWUMP

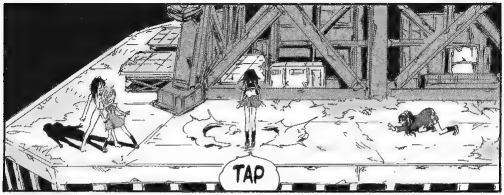
O-
Okay
!
TMP
TMP
Aoi,
run!
GLARE
Ah...
Ah...
QUIVER
QUIVER
BWOOSH
!!

You're not gettin' her!
TMP
TMP
WHOOSH
FWISH
Ibara!
...
HWOOOO

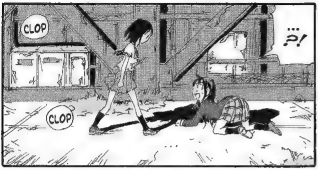
PLIP
PLIP
...won't even make me break a sweat.
Some-body on *your* level...
Ugh ...
THUD
Kh...
POP
We're outta here.
Ibara!
H! PULL
...
?!
Huh ?!

VMMM

Mana!
Tsuburaya...


TAP

Oh, Mana ...
You came back for me!
Over here! Let's go home together!


CLOP
CLOP
...?!

What the hell?! Get over here!
Mana?!

RRRMM
Wh-Why are you looking at me like that?
You wouldn't—
RRRMM
Hand over...
...the girl.
RRRMM
P-67 END

Phase.68 [The Hand that Bid Farewell]

Hand over the girl.
RR
MM
Quit being stubborn.

I mean, you're totally worthless without me!
You can't order me around!
Don't talk to me like that...
What?!
...when you were all alone at school, remember?!
I'm the one who went out of her way to talk to you...
I'm never talking to you again!
You ungrateful bitch!
You...

TMP
FSSSH
Come on an' try me.
I'll show you which of us is in charge.

It'll be over soon.
This is between the two of us.

Don't fight! You're friends!
S-Stop ...
HUFF
HUFF

...

FWUMP
You stay there!

VMMM

Eep!
CRAWL
CRAWL
Ee...

FSSSH
Ha!
BWOOSH
BACHING

Chase attack!
FLING
GLARE
FWOOSH
FWOOSH
SHWOOP
?!
WHEEN

!
FWAP
POOF
Over here!
THUNK
BASH

WOOSH
Mana!
BWOOSH
BAM

FWUMP
Ugly, slow little Mana...
TAP
TAP
See?
Hahaha!
...belongs in the kitchen, slaving away for me.
SNAP

VWEEN
?!!
Can't move ...
I ca...
What did you do?!
Mana ...
What is this?!
BZZT
BZZT
Wh...

I don't give a crap!
Let me out of here!
...a gravitational field.
Gravity is—
VWEEN
I locked you in...
Will you give up on Aoi Fukasaku...
...and come with me?
...
Meisa ...

Mamaaa ...
Lemme go...
I give already!
O-Okay!
FWIP
GLARE

SWISH
Like I'd listen to y—
Ha ha ha ha!
ZWOOSH
SLAP

Whatever. I'll go back on my own!
Here. Give me your hand.
Miss Ichikawa.
Screw this...
WOBBLE
This is retarded!
Ugh ...
S...

Let's go with them...
...to a new home.
Narusе!
You guys!
DASH
I can't ...
PLIP
PLIP
Cuz...
I... I killed people...
I can't join you guys.

Ahuhn ...
Ahuh ...
Miss Ichikawa!
Wait!
TUMP
Ah!
...
You hear that?
RUMM
HWOOOO

ゴゴゴ
RR
ゴゴゴ
MM
ゴゴゴ
P-68 END

ゴ〃〃
RR
ン
ゴ〃〃
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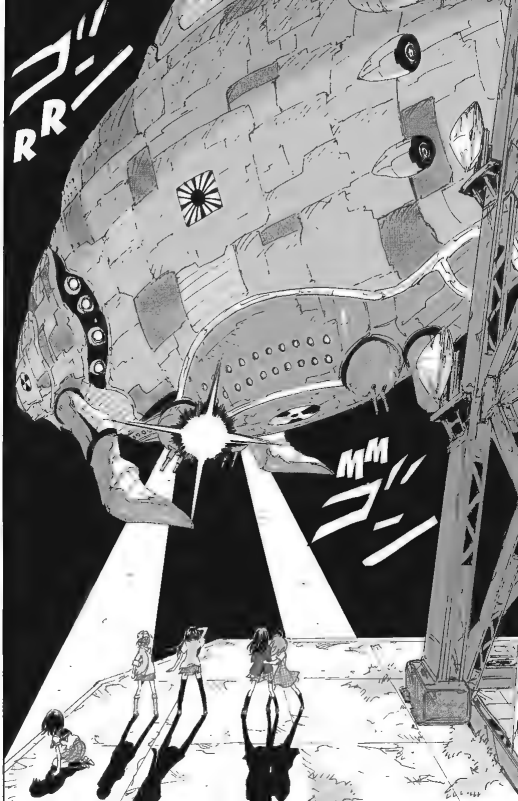
ン
MM
Phase.69【 Traitors 】

An airship ?
...

It's a huge fishie!
The hell is that ?!


ゴゥ
RR
MM
ゴゥ

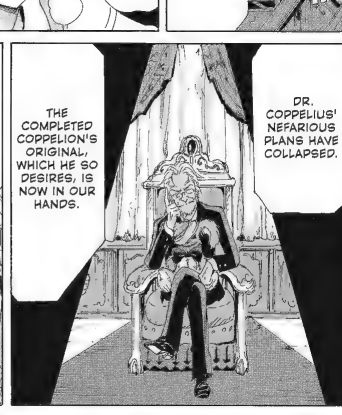
ATTENTION, JGSDF 3RD DIVISION SPECIAL FORCES...
...COP-PELION UNIT.
...that ship's probably from the Ministry of De-fense.
Isn't that voice —
Yup, sir!
Cop-pelion? That's us, yeah?
It appears as though your miesion is over.
Thie is Chief Cabinet Secretary Ougai.
Repre-senta-tive Ibara Naruse, do you copy?

CLANG
Y-Yes, Kurosawa!
Um...
CLANG
Naruse and the others are up ahead. Hurry!

THANKS TO YOUR EFFORTS ...
CLANG
HUFF
HUFF
...DR. COPPELIUS IS NO LONGER A THREAT.
CLANG

What do you think he...?
That voice... that was the Secretary, wasn't it?

A JOB WELL DONE, REPRESENTATIVE NARUSE.
HE IS POWERLESS.


THE COMPLETED COPPELION'S ORIGINAL, WHICH HE SO DESIRES, IS NOW IN OUR HANDS.
DR. COPPELIUS' NEFARIOUS PLANS HAVE COLLAPSED.

!
Bring Aoi Fukasaku back to Osaka.
A ladder will now be lowered from the airship.
CLACK
CLACK
An' now they want us t'go back to Osaka?!
Whadda-ya think is gonna happen if we do?!
You know how these assholes have screwed with us!
Oi... Naruse! Think!
CLUNK
CLUNK
CLUNK

They'll kill every last one of us other "dolls."
Aoi Fukasaku's the only one of us they want.
...that defective second-year!
Just like they tried t'get rid of...
IT'S YOUR ONLY CHOICE.
TAKE THE LADDER, NOW.
CLUNK

HWOOO

Ibara ...?

AS LONG AS WE HAVE THE COMPLETED DOLL...

You've completed your duty.
Why are you hesitating?

They're moving away!
Wh-What's going on?!
RAA
RAA
FLASH
ウー
VOO
TURN BACK, COPPE-LION.
ウー
VOO
STOP.
THAT'S AN ORDER.
TMP
ウー
VOO
...
TMP

They won't respond to your methods!
Give it up, Ougai!

SWISH

The dolls are getting further away!
Bring them back, or they'll be lost!
RA
A

...
DO YOU SEE THOSE LIGHTS? THE COUNTLESS WINDOWS?
THERE'S A GOOD GIRL.

LOOK UP, REPRESENTATIVE.

THE AIRSHIP HAS STRONG RADIATION SHIELDING.
MOREOVER, IT CAN ACCOMMODATE MORE THAN 300 PASSENGERS AT ONCE.
In other words,
Representative...
THIS AIRSHIP ...
...CAN EVACUATE YOUR REMAINING TOKYO SURVIVORS, ALL IN ONE TRIP.

HOW-EVER...
We'll pick them up immediately.
...FOR AOI FUKA-SAKU
WE WILL ONLY DO IT IN EX-CHANGE ...
CHOOSE IBARA NARUSE.
...WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Don't put those girls through anymore pain!
I can't let you do this, Ougai!
POW!
BASH
You're playing dirty... let go of me!
GRAB
You bastard!
SURELY YOU WOULDN'T ABANDON SO MANY SURVIVORS FOR A SINGLE DOLL.
WHAT'S WRONG?
Give me your answer,
Repre-senta-tive.
Is that not why you came all the way to Tokyo?
You exist to save humans.

I...
Ibara ?!
HUFF
HUFF
RRRR
MMMM
RRRR
MMMM
Ibara...
Don't cry.

I'll...
...go up on the airship!

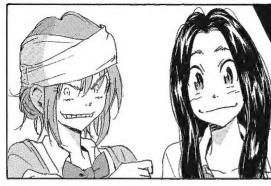
That way we can save all the survivors.
Okay?

Goodbye, everyone ...!

Well...

ゴン
RR
ゴン
ゴン
MM
GRAB

So, I'm gonna rescue her, too!
Aoi is a *human*.
BEEP GSSH
I have a message for HQ.



...
Naruse ...
ARE YOU CERTAIN ...?
R R
YOU'LL BE GIVING UP ANY FUTURE HELICOPTER ASSISTANCE.
MM
KOFF
We don't need any help from you!
We'll save the rest of the survivors by our *own* power!
You are hereby discharged from your military duties.
Surrender yourselves to the government.

You gonna join us in the fight?
What-cha gonna do?
Hey, you!
I REPEAT:
THE COPPE-LION ARE TRAITORS ...
P-69 END